

Claim 13, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, replace "any of Claims 1 to 12" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "or Claim 16".

Claim 18, line 1, replace "any of Claims 15 to 17" with --Claim 15--.

Claim 19, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 15 to 18" with --Claim 15--.

Claim 20, line 1, replace "any of Claims 15 to 19" with --Claim 15--.

Claim 21, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 15 to 20" with --Claim 15--.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "or Claim 23".

Claim 25, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 22 to 24" with --Claim 22--.

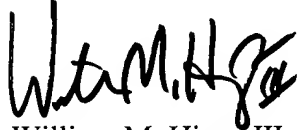
Claim 26, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 22 to 25" with --Claim 22--.

Claim 27, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 22 to 26" with --Claim 22--.

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Claim 28, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 22 to 27" with --Claim 22--.

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